

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 12, 2014 IN PRECINCTS 1-5 7 AM – 8 PM
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 19, 2014
AT WRHS AUDITORIUM 7:00 PM**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of HOLDEN in the County of WORCESTER

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in said TOWN OF HOLDEN on MONDAY, the 19th of MAY next, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at Wachusett Regional High School Auditorium, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear a report of the results of the Town Election held on May 12, 2014.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, and authorize the payment of a salary of the Finance Committee chairman if the chairman also serves as clerk of the committee, or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To say what sums the Town will raise by tax or otherwise to pay Town debts and charges for the past years and appropriate same, or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To say what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, the Overlay Reserve Fund, the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund, the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, or from any other available funds, to pay Town debts and charges, other than those relating to the Wachusett Regional School District, for the ensuing year, or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$19,457,413 for the Town's share of the costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for the ensuing fiscal year, such sum to include the Town's so-called required Local Minimum Contribution, debt service and transportation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such additional sums of money not to exceed \$2,993,816 for the Town's share of the costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for the ensuing fiscal year to supplement the appropriation made under Article 7 of the warrant for this town meeting.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Public Works Depreciation Fund, created by Chapter 328 of the Acts of 2000, and to transfer from the Public Works Depreciation Fund a sum

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of money to fund various public works projects and purchase public works vehicles and equipment, or act or do anything relative thereto.

- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend all monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 90 of the General Laws for highway purposes, or any other legislation adopted by the General Court relating to public works, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Water/Sewer Stabilization Fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, §5B, for the purpose of solely funding Water/Sewer projects and the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and/or additions to the capital equipment and vehicles used in connection with Water/Sewer projects and to pay notes, bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued to pay for the cost of such projects, acquisitions, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and additions; and to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money into said Fund, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle, Apparatus and Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 §5B for the purpose of funding the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging, and/or additions to the capital equipment, vehicles, and apparatus of the Fire Department, and to transfer from the Fire Department Vehicle, Apparatus and Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund a sum of money to fund the acquisition of Fire Department vehicles and equipment, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or authorize the borrowing of a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing and/or leasing capital equipment, vehicles, buildings, infrastructure, or other projects of the Town and/or to fund future Town debt related to these projects, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or authorize the borrowing of a sum of money for the purpose of completing improvements to the heating system at the Dawson Elementary School, including the conversion from an oil heating system to a natural gas heating system; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to continue a Recreation Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, or act or do anything relative thereto.

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- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to continue a Cable Television Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for use in connection with the public, educational and governmental access programming contemplated by the CATV license granted by the Town, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to continue an Inspection Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, and from the Recreation Revolving Fund, or from other available funds, certain sums of money to be added to the Town of Holden Infrastructure Investment Fund, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money from the Town of Holden Infrastructure Investment Fund to pay fiscal year 2015 debt service for the Municipal Pool Facilities Construction Project and the Public Safety Facility Construction Project, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will amend the vote under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 20, 2013, by deleting from the items detailed in the capital budget as was shown on page 14 of the "Town Meeting Handbook Recommendation Concerning the Budget", as referenced in such vote, the item described as "Avery Heights Tank Painting" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "water main installation and SCADA improvement projects relating to the Water-Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works" and to confirm the appropriation and authorization of the borrowing of \$525,000 for this new purpose, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, clauses 5, 6 and 7C and/or Chapter 29C or any other enabling authority available to the Town; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of the bond premium received by the Town pursuant to the debt authorized by vote under Article 2 at the Special Town Meeting held on April 8, 2013, for the purpose of offsetting debt service for Mountview Middle School Construction Project; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to permit the use of the Town Hall for the next year at less than the fair rental value to: John E. Harkins Post #42 American Legion, Boy and Girl Scout Troops of Holden, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women's Auxiliary of the John E. Harkins Post #42, Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Holden Baseball Program, Inc., League of Women Voters, 4-H Club, Rainbow Girls, the Grange, the White Oak Land Conservation Society, Inc., Holden Citizens for Responsible Energy, Holden Republican Town Committee, Holden Democratic Town Committee, Holden Associated Taxpayers and Holden for Children, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sum of \$137,304 of the excess of the income of the Municipal Light Department for the calendar years 2014 and 2015 over and above the total expense of the plant as defined in the General Laws, as an item of income to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, or act or do anything relative thereto.

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- ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Light Department and its Depreciation, Construction and Rate Stabilization Funds, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 27. To see what action the Town will take relative to accepting streets according to plans filed with the Town Clerk after approval by the Selectmen and Planning Board, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to make available for disposition and authorize the Town Manager to dispose of by sale, upon such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems to be in the best interest of the Town, a portion of the Town-owned property located at and known as 175 Highland Street with a building thereon, said property is shown on a sketch plan entitled "Town-owned Properties at 175 Highland Street, Holden, MA", dated April 30, 2014, on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during regular business hours of Town Hall and shown as Parcel 54, Parcel 147 and being a portion of the land shown as Parcel 48, all on Assessor's Map 131; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to make available for lease, upon such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems to be in the best interest of the Town, space on the Steele Street Water Tank and any appurtenant property, located on Steele Street and shown on Assessor's Map 202, Parcel 113, for the siting of personal wireless communications facilities; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Holden Zoning Bylaw by (i) inserting in Section II, entitled "Definitions", a new definition concerning "Registered Marijuana Facility"; (ii) inserting in Section V, Table 1, entitled "Use Regulations", a new use entitled "Registered Marijuana Facility"; and (iii) inserting in Section XI, entitled "Administration and Enforcement" a new Section XI J.3.(k), to be entitled "Registered Marijuana Facilities", a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, dated April 29, 2014, and available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Town Hall; or act or do anything relative thereto.

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And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the post offices and at Town Hall in said Town of Holden seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 30th day of April, 2014.

Robert P. Lavigne _____

Kenneth E. Lipka _____

Jeremy W. Kurtz _____

Mark S. Ferguson _____

Anthony M. Renzoni _____
SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOLDEN

A true copy ATTEST: _____
CONSTABLE

WORCESTER, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Holden by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Post Offices and the Town Hall and, Holden Police Station, Checkerberry Village, Wachusett Market, Gale Free Library, Holden Senior Center, Mountview School and Holden Municipal Light Department seven (7) days before the date of the meeting as within directed.

Constable of the Town of Holden

Date _____